

Middlesex.

MICHAELMAS QUARTER SESSIONS, 1849.

THE

ELEVENTH REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

OF THE

Additional Pauper Lunatic Asylum,

AND

RESOLUTIONS OF THE COURT.

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OF THE
ADDITIONAL LUNATIC ASYLUM,

Appointed January Quarter Session, 1849.

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Middlesex.

TO HER MAJESTY'S JUSTICES OF THE PEACE
FOR THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX IN GENERAL QUARTER
SESSION ASSEMBLED.

*The ELEVENTH REPORT of the COMMITTEE
of VISITORS of the COUNTY LUNATIC
ASYLUM, at COLNEY HATCH.*

THE progress of the works carried on by the Contractor is so very rapid, and his preparations for the continuance thereof during the winter months are so extensive, that your Committee feel it is desirable that the remaining portion of the sum agreed to by the Court in the Contract for the building, amounting to £24,000, should now be borrowed, and that power should be given to your Committee to advertize for and raise the same in such manner as they may find most advantageous for the interests of the County.

With reference to the progress of the works, since the Report of your Committee received at the last July Session, your Committee have now to report, that, in addition to the buildings there stated to be roofed in, the roofs of the Surgeon's residences on each wing are now completed, as are also those of the Chapel, the Large Room, and buildings on each side, comprising the centre. The main central Tower, with its Dome and Lantern, is also completed, and since the removal of the scaffolding, forms a very important feature in the landscape, as seen from the surrounding country. The engine-shaft will be finished in the course of another fort-

night. The Infirmaries, on each wing, and the Lower Wards on the Female wing, are roofed in, and the other Wards are very rapidly progressing.

The daily progress of the works may be conceived from the fact of there being, at the date of this Report, 1121 workmen actually employed on the premises of the County at Colney Hatch, exclusive of 150 others engaged in the stone quarries, and in preparing the different materials requisite for the building, in the course of manufacture elsewhere.

Insurances against loss by fire to the amount of £20,000 have been effected by the Contractor, in pursuance of the conditions of his contract, at his own expense, on the centre buildings and the Surgeon's residences, on either wing.

Your Committee have likewise to add that, having found that the bricks made by the Contractor on the ground (for which he pays to the County a royalty of 1s. per thousand), are of full size, and of a quality approved by the Architect, and that the earth from which they are made is taken from a part of the land which it was deemed necessary to level, thus saving to the County the expense of its removal, they have renewed their permission to the Contractor to make bricks on the Asylum grounds, and for the County use, for another season, which permission, from the economy of carriage, greatly facilitates the progress of the works.

All which is submitted, &c.

BENJAMIN ROTCH,

Chairman.

Sessions House, 18th October, 1849.

ON THE PRECEDING REPORT

THE FOLLOWING

Resolutions*Were adopted by the Court, on the 18th October, 1849.*

Resolved—1. “ That the said Report be received, and printed, and circulated in the usual manner.

Resolved—2. “ That a copy of the Lithographic Ground-plan of the Building be sent to each acting Justice of the County.”

Resolved—3. “ That the sum of £24,000, the remaining portion of the sum agreed to by the Court in the Contract for the Building, be now borrowed, upon Mortgage or Mortgages of the County Rate, and that the Committee of Visitors of the said Asylum be empowered to advertize for and raise the same in such manner as they may find most advantageous for the County :”

And B. Rotch, Esq., gave Notice, that he would move, on the next County-Day,—

“ That the sum of £5,000 be granted for the furniture and fittings of the Asylum at Colney Hatch.”

